

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (95A)

Sub

Class Deviation from Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR)

To

Deputy Secretary (001)

THRU: Assistant Secretary for Management (004)

1. In accordance with VAAR 801.404, Class deviations, your approval is requested to deviate from VAAR 817.503-70(a), Approval procedures. This deviation is requested so that authority to execute Central Office administered interagency agreements on behalf of VA can be delegated to an official other than the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management.

2. Generally, signatory authority in the VAAR can be delegated unless otherwise stated. The language in the fourth sentence of VAAR 817.503-70(a), which states that the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (90) is the "only" official authorized to execute Central Office administered interagency agreements on behalf of VA, negates the ability to further delegate this authority.

3. When this paragraph was last revised (see attached VAAR Change 21 cover sheet), the Summary of Changes indicated that this sentence was revised to clarify that the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management is the "approving official" for these agreements. The intent of this revision was to designate the organization authorized to execute Central Office agreements and not to limit signatory authority within the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (OA&MM).

4. This class deviation will allow approval authority to be delegated to another official in OA&MM for Central Office interagency agreements. Approval authority for those interagency agreements administered by field facilities is not affected by this deviation.

5. Your favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Gary J. Krump

Attachments

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:



Hershel W. Gober
Deputy Secretary

4/1/97
Date